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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

The Examiner has rejected claims 1 and 5 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Watts (US Patent No. 4,278,550) taken together with Lavigne (US Patent No. 2,015,076). Applicant has amended these claims to overcome the Examiner's rejection.

Additionally, the Examiner has objected claims 2 through 4 and 6 through 8 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. However, Examiner states that said claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicant has amended the claims 1 and 5 to include all of the limitations of claims 2 and 6, respectively, therein. Claims 2 and 7 now depend on claims 1 and 5, respectively.